

Before the New Hampshire
Physical Therapy Governing Board
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In The Matter Of:

Stephanie Plutnicki, P.T.
(Misconduct Allegation)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote the best interest of the public and the practice of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy Governing Board ("the Board") and Stephanie Plutnicki ("the Respondent" or "Ms. Plutnicki"), agree to resolve certain allegations of professional misconduct now pending before the Board in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The Board has cause to institute a disciplinary proceeding against the Respondent pursuant to RSA 328-A:2, 328-F:23, IV, (d) and (h); and Med 804.01 of the Board Rules.

The Board, pursuant to RSA 328-F:25, III, has the authority to settle allegations of professional misconduct without commencing a disciplinary hearing.

The Respondent stipulates to and acknowledges the following to be true:

1. On December 12, 1994, the Respondent began employment as a Physical Therapist I at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, New Hampshire.
2. At the time of the commencement of her employment on December 12, 1994, the Respondent was not yet licensed as a Physical Therapist and did not request a temporary license.

3. The Respondent was licensed to practice physical therapy in the State of New Hampshire on February 1, 1995.

4. The Respondent's employment at Parkland Hospital while not licensed as a Physical Therapist, could potentially cause Parkland Medical Center to incur a substantial financial loss if Medicaid or Medicare requires reimbursement because of the hospital incorrectly, although unknowingly, billing for the Respondents time as a licensed physical therapist.

5. On December 31, 1996, Ms. Plutnicki's licensed lapsed for non-renewal.

6. For the years 1997 and 1998, the Respondent practiced physical therapy as a Physical Therapist I without appropriately being licensed.

7. During the year of 1998, the Respondent utilized an unofficial paper license representing it out as an official license from the Board.

8. The Respondent acknowledges that by her conduct described in paragraph 1-7, she has violated RSA 328-A:2, RSA 328-F:23 (d) and (h), and Med 804.01 of the Board of Medicine Rules.

9. The Respondent consents to the following actions by the Board:

A. The Respondent, whose license has currently lapsed, shall not reapply for licensure to practice physical therapy in the State of New Hampshire for a period of no less than twelve months from the effective date of this Agreement.

B. Prior to reapplying for licensure to practice physical therapy in the State of New Hampshire, the Respondent shall obtain continuing education in the area of ethical standards pertaining to physical therapists. This education shall consist of a minimum of fifteen (15) hours in attendance at professional workshops, seminars and lectures.

C. The Respondent's breach of any of the conditions of this Agreement shall be a separate basis for disciplinary action by the Board.

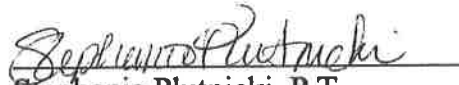
D. Except as provided in paragraph C, above, this Agreement shall bar the commencement of disciplinary action by the Board based upon the misconduct allegations described in paragraphs 1-7, provided, however, that the Board may take appropriate action to enforce the terms of this Agreement, may consider the misconduct for the purpose of establishing a pattern of conduct in the event that similar allegations are brought against the Respondent in the future and may consider the fact that conditions were imposed by this Agreement in determining appropriate discipline in the event that other misconduct allegations are proven against the Respondent in the future.

E. This Agreement shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Representative of the Board designated below.

The Respondent voluntarily signs this Settlement Agreement and states that no promises or representations have been made to her other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

FOR THE RESPONDENT

Dated: 2/10/99


Stephanie Plutnicki, P.T.
Respondent

This proceeding is hereby terminated in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dated: 2/22/99


Authorized Representative of the
Physical Therapy Governing Board